**SACRED HEART, HOWDEN AND ST JOSEPH & ST THOMAS, GOOLE**

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**Week Commencing 6th April 2025**

**FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT (Yr C)**

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Sunday is Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord. All Masses will begin with the Distribution and Blessing of Palms. If fine, the 9.30am and 11.00am Masses on Sunday will begin outside in the Church grounds/garden.

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| Date  | Time | Place | Service/Event | Intentions |
| Sat 5th March | 4.30pm-5.00pm  | St. Joseph’s | Stations of the Cross |
| 5.30pm | St. Joseph’s | Vigil Mass  | RIP Michael O Connor (anniv. on 3rd April) |
| Sun 6th April 2025FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT/Yr C | 9.30am | Sacred Heart | Mass | RIP Fr Gerald Thornton (First Anniversary) |
| 11.00am | St. Joseph’s | Mass | People of the parish |
| Mon 7th April | 8.00am | Sacred Heart | Mass | RIP Leon Stepien |
| Tues 8th April | 10.00am | Sacred Heart | Mass | RIP Patricia Dube (Lay Dominican) (LD) |
| Wed 9th April | 10.00am | St. Joseph’s | Mass | RIP Fr Mark Whelehan, C.P. |
| Thurs 10th April | 10.00am | Sacred Heart | Mass | RIP Peg and Denys Sanders (anniversaries around this time) |
| 10.30am – 10.50 am | Sacred Heart | Confessions |
| Fri 11th April | 10.00am | St. Joseph’s | Mass | RIP Zenon Marchewka |
| 10.30am - 10.50am | St. Joseph’s | Confessions |
| 2.30pm | St Joseph’s School Hall  | Service of Tenebrae |
| 6.00pm | Sacred Heart | Stations of the Cross |
| Sat 12th April | 8.00am | Sacred Heart | Mass | RIP Miroslaw Skorupa |
| 4.30pm-5.00pm | St. Joseph’s | Stations of the Cross |
| 5.00pm | St. Joseph’s | Confessions |
| 5.30pm | St. Joseph’s | Vigil Mass | People of the parish |
| Sun 13th March 2025PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD/Yr C  | 9.30am | Sacred Heart | Mass | RIP Stuart Whitehead (6th anniversary) |
| 11.00am | St. Joseph’s | Mass | RIP Tony Bannister (LD) |
| *MAUNDY THURSDAY 17TH APRIL* | *7.00pm* | *Sacred Heart Church, Howden* | *Mass of the Lord’s Supper* | *FOOT WASHING. Those of you who wish to receive the Ministry of foot washing, please put your names on the list provided* |

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT THIS WEEK

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| Sacred Heart  | 9.15 on Tuesday | 9.15am on Thursday |
| St. Joseph’s | 9.15am on Wednesday | 9.15am on Friday |

SICK AND HOUSEBOUND Please pray for them. Damian Ainscough, Anna Barszc, Christopher Brown, Patience Dare, Carol Dent, Anne Hayward, Eileen Hodgson, Dorothy Kershaw, Anthony Margrave, Jean McAndrew, Bernard Rook, Ken Rumney, Timmy Ryan, Kevin and Catherine Thornton, Alison Urquhart and all those who are ill and would like to remain anonymous.

THIRD READING AND VOTE ON THE ASSISTED SUICIDE BILL (expected to be on Fri 25th April 2025)

Our nation stands at a crucial juncture regarding how we value human life, particularly the lives of people in the most vulnerable situations. If this significant proposal to introduce assisted suicide becomes law, thousands of individuals will be placed at risk in the coming years.

Mounting evidence from the small number of places around the world that have legalised assisted suicide shows that these laws are incremental, that safeguards do not work, and that the changed law can have devastating consequences.

It is therefore, imperative that this Assisted Suicide Bill is defeated at Third Reading.

Both of us have spoken to several MPs, and colleagues agree that one of the most effective ways to persuade MPs to oppose this dangerous Bill is through physical letters or postcards from constituents asking them to vote “no” to the Bill. This is borne out from our own experience, serving in both Houses of Parliament over the past four decades.

*Not Dead Yet UK*, a network of disabled people who oppose legalising assisted suicide, has very helpfully arranged for **the enclosed postcards to be printed and distributed throughout the UK**. These postcards present evidence-based reasons to oppose assisted suicide, urging MPs to vote against the Bill at Third Reading.

If these postcards are sent to your local MP in substantial numbers, we know they will have a genuinely significant impact. We sincerely hope you will feel able to encourage those who share our concerns about this Bill to use them in making clear their opposition to the legislation.

The team at *Not Dead Yet UK* has worked extremely hard to get the postcards out to parishes.

*Part of a letter from Lord David Alton and Baroness Jane Campbell.*

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SUNDAY OFFERINGS BY STANDING ORDER. Those of you who wish to give offerings to the parish by Standing Order (if you are not already doing) will need these details: HSBC: 40-27-15 ACCOUNT NO. 31017373 ACCOUNT NAME: DIOCESE OF LEEDS

EASTER RAFFLE – ST JOSEPH’S

Tickets will be on sale soon for the Easter Raffle at St Joseph’s. Any suitable prizes donated would be very welcome. Thankyou.

EASTER RAFFLE – SACRED HEART

We are starting an Easter Raffle on 16th March. Any donations to be left at the back of the church, and would be gratefully appreciated. Thanks from Pat and Andrea.

THE NEXT BINGO FUNDRAISER for Sacred Heart church is on Saturday April 12 @ Eastrington Village Hall. Eyes down 7.30pm. This is in aid of the refurbishment fund.

We would welcome in particular any cash donations to help us make the prizes bigger and more complete. Thank you for your continued generous support. Please see Barbara or Sam for more information.

CHURCH OPENING – Saturday mornings

In this year of Jubilee our doors at Sacred Ht. Church, Howden will be open for private prayer and reflection from 8.30 to 12 noon this Lent on April 12th, and the 19th to build the Easter Garden. Volunteers please sign up on the rota at the back of church. Patrick.

A second rota is now available, but we need two people for each session. Also let people know – friends, neighbours – the Church is open for anyone to share a quiet space Thankyou to those who have already volunteered.

‘Open Doors’ on Saturday March 22nd, including stewards 9 came. Thankyou to the volunteers - more are still required for the remaining sessions. Please drop by even for a few minutes.

SAVE GOOLE HOSPITAL

Organised walk to the hospital leaving Market Precinct at 12pm on SUN 13TH APRIL All welcome - to show support for the future of the hospital.

PRAYER FOR THE JUBILEE 2025

Father in heaven, may the *faith* you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of *charity* enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, awaken in us the blessed *hope* for the coming of your Kingdom.

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May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel. May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally.

May your grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of *Hope*, a yearning for the treasures of heaven. May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the world. To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise forever. Amen.

*Pope Francis*